

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLEROF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 520 I am not recorded because my flight from Southwest Washington experienced significant delays. I was not yet in Washington, DC at the time of the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE
LAWRENCE K. KARLTON**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Judge Lawrence K. Karlton as he takes inactive status from the United States District Court, Eastern District of California. As his family, colleagues and community leaders gather to honor his remarkable career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Judge Karlton's service to the federal judiciary.

Judge Karlton graduated from New York University and Columbia School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1958. He joined the United States Army, serving from 1958 to 1960, and was a Civilian Legal Officer at the Sacramento Army Depot from 1960 to 1962. He was in private practice in Sacramento, California from 1962 to 1976. In 1976 he was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown as a judge of the Superior Court of California, where he served until 1979. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed Judge Karlton to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. Judge Karlton has served with distinction and integrity and was Chief Judge from 1983 to 1990. In 2010 he assumed Senior status.

Judge Karlton has dedicated his career to public service and has a steadfast commitment to our nation's judicial system. During his first year as Chief Judge, he convened the first annual Eastern District Conference to bring the bench and the bar together in an informal setting to discuss issues of mutual concern and to improve the administration of justice within the district, and the district has continued to hold annual conferences for over thirty years. Since being appointed to the federal bench over thirty-five years ago, Judge Karlton has presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases, including individual civil and criminal actions, multi-party civil and criminal actions, and complex class action lawsuits implicating significant questions of constitutional law and statutory interpretation. He has also sat by designation on several panels in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In addition, from 2007 until September 1, 2014, Judge Karlton sat with Judges Stephen Reinhardt and Thelton Henderson on a special three-judge panel overseeing reduction of unconstitutional overcrowding in the California prison system. In every case and on every panel, Judge Karlton has remained dedicated to the rule of law and the fair administration of equal justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, as Judge Karlton, his wife Sue, family, friends, and colleagues celebrate

this transition, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking and recognizing him for his many years of service. Judge Karlton has contributed immensely to the federal bench and our community.

HONORING SARGENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAUROOF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the company leadership, employees and families that have gathered today to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Sargent Manufacturing Company in New Haven, Connecticut. A reflection of Connecticut's long and proud history of manufacturing tradition, Sargent has and continues to be a pillar of manufacturing in our city and our state—one of the many threads that have woven the fabric of our community.

Leaving home at just sixteen years old, Joseph Bradford Sargent, worked tirelessly, starting at the ground level of a dry-goods store in Boston which, soon after, he was managing. He would later move to Georgia to open his own store. He later moved his family to Brooklyn where he, along with his two brothers, George and Edward, operated a wholesale hardware business in New York City where they obtained an interest in one of their suppliers, Peck and Walter Manufacturing. In 1857, the brothers purchased full ownership and in 1864 moved the factory to New Haven along the Harbor, establishing Sargent Manufacturing Company at its original location on Water Street.

A series of five-story brick buildings and storage sheds marked the original plant. As the business grew other buildings were added with "catwalks" or bridges connecting them, often spanning the busy city streets. 1884 marked the beginning of their manufacturing what would become one of their best known products—locks. By 1914, the Sargent product catalog listed some 60,000 different items, making it one of the largest hardware manufacturing plants in the country.

During World Wars I and II, much like factories across the nation, production capacity was converted to production for the war effort and, with the men serving overseas, women began staffing the factory. In fact, at the end of WWII, women made up nearly 40 percent of Sargent's workforce. The post-war era brought a new focus for the company—solidifying their reputation in the niche production of locks and door-related mechanisms and resulting in many lock-related engineering firsts.

In the late 1960's the Sargent family and company stockholders accepted an offer from the Walter Kidde Company which began a period of ownership by various financial groups. In 1996 ASSA ABLOY AB acquired Sargent, along with several sister companies, and today, the company that still bears the Sargent name continues to manufacture some of the best lock products in the world.

The Sargent brothers' success is a reflection of what we so often envision as the American Dream and Joseph Sargent ensured that

others could share in that same dream. Growing up in New Haven, almost every family had a least one member that worked at Winchester Repeating Arms or Sargent Manufacturing. Sargent's welcomed new immigrants with open arms—offering them a job but more than that, an opportunity to provide a better life for their families. Like so many others, I have a personal connection to Sargent—my grandfather worked at the factory for many years. My mother often tells a story that when she was born my grandfather took one look at her blonde curls and said "all of the locks at Sargent could not keep her safe," quite the testament to the love he had for his new child.

Sargent was part of our neighborhood's very soul, shaping the very character of our community. Today, as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary, Sargent can be proud of the indelible mark they have left on the history of our City and the contributions they continue to make to the vitality of the New Haven community. I am proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the company leadership and its employees on this remarkable milestone and my very best wishes for many more years of success.

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HON. RON KINDOF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Monday, November 17, 2014. Weather across the eastern seaboard delayed my flight to Washington, DC until after votes had been called. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5162 (Roll No. 520).

TRIBUTE TO LISA COOK

HON. JASON T. SMITHOF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Cook from Chaffee, Missouri for her success in the medical field and service to our community.

Lisa Cook, following the wisdom passed to her from her mother, followed her dreams of achieving an education and continued to climb the corporate ladder. Her hard work and passion to serve others is apparent in the numerous ways she has been honored and recognized for her achievements.

Despite her demanding work schedule, Mrs. Cook always finds time to volunteer and support the community in various ways. Lisa and her husband find it most fulfilling to engage in charitable causes under the cloak of anonymity. For them it is not about being recognized for their contributions, but knowing that their actions impact other individuals in a positive way.

I admire Lisa Cook for her positive attitude and determination to succeed which has influenced many in our community. It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and accomplishments before the House of Representatives.

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HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote on November 17, 2014. Had I been present for roll call vote number 520, H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yay."

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library, located in Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

The Parsippany Public Library aims to promote a lifelong interest in library use and learning in a diverse community. The library utilizes various forms of media and technology to create an active role in learning for people of all ages. Boasting user-friendly technologies that are accessible and convenient for the community, the library serves as a central meeting place for residents. In coordinated efforts with the local school system and township departments, the Parsippany Library serves a key role in the education of the community throughout all ages.

The Parsippany Friends of the Library, established in 1984, is a volunteer, non-profit organization that is committed to enhancing and supporting the library. Through various fundraising events, the Friends of the Library are able to provide the local libraries with supplemental funds to support their programs. The Friends of the Library also advocate for the library, helping to grow the library and the community. The funds they raise are put towards technological advancements, book and media purchases, and programs for people of all ages.

The library system consists of three separate libraries, the main library and two branches in Lake Hiawatha and in Mount Tabor. The main library moved to its newest headquarters in 2006, only a short walk away from the local elementary, middle, and high schools. The state-of-the-art facility encompasses 38,000 square feet and includes a vast collection of books, meeting rooms, and study areas. The main library is home to a large children's book collection and program room, several tutorial and study areas, and a meeting space for 200 people. The headquarters serves as the central location for the library system.

The Lake Hiawatha location was established in 1937, but has remained in the same location since 1968. In 1994, the interior of the building was expanded to better serve the needs of the community. Similar to the main library, the Lake Hiawatha branch sits a cen-

trally located area that is within walking distance for many residents. The Lake Hiawatha branch offers many after-school programs for children and story time for younger residents. They also organize a film discussion series given by a college professor for the community.

The Mount Tabor library, the oldest of the three, has occupied the same building since 1889. Like the other locations, the Mount Tabor locale offers several programs for children and adults. Due to its small size, many of the programs are offered across the street in a park. The Mount Tabor location also sits within walking distance for the residents of the area.

Through the funding and support of the Friends of the Library, the Parsippany-Troy Hills library looks to continue to offer a wide range of programs and support for its community at each of its locations. They hope that, along with the community, they can continue to promote lifelong learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Parsippany-Troy Hills Library as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

HONORING THE TOWN OF GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 375TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the community of Guilford, Connecticut as they mark the 375th Anniversary of the town's founding—a remarkable milestone for this quintessential New England town.

Founded in May 1639 by a band of puritans seeking religious freedom in the New World, the land that would become the Town of Guilford, Connecticut was purchased from local Native Americans, who were represented by the squaw sachem, or female chief, Shaumpishih. First established as the plantation of Menuncatuck, the town that would later be known as Guilford, like most 17th century New England towns, was organized around a common, or green—the Town Green remains a center of community life today. The first houses were small huts with thatched roofs, wooden walls, and dirt floors. Unlike other villages, Guilford had no protective palisade fence surrounding the community. Instead they built four large stone houses for the leaders of the plantation, strategically located and used for shelter during times of danger. In the later years of the 17th century, Guilford became part of the New Haven Colony and then the Connecticut Colony. In fact, Guilford's William Leete was one of the first governors of these colonies.

By the 18th century, the town had become a thriving coastal community with agriculture and the sea supporting the economy. The medieval style huts were replaced by homes of the colonial style, including the Hyland House (1660), the Henry Whitfield House (1639), Thomas Griswold House (1774) and the Dudley Farm (1840) all of which survive today and house museums showcasing Guilford's rich

history. In the 19th century, with an expanding shipbuilding and maritime trade and with the coming of the railroad, industries such as foundries, canneries, shoe shops, and carriage makers evolved. Quarries opened and supplied local granite to the world, including blocks for the base of the Statue of Liberty.

By the end of the 19th and into the 20th century, Guilford became a summer destination for Victorian vacationers from near and far. Today, Guilford's once-small population has risen to a year-round community of more than 22,000 people. Guilford has a small-town, historic, charming atmosphere which is highlighted by its rustic character and individuality. This beautiful town sits on the waterfront of the Long Island Sound and extends north to include expansive land and offers a public park, two beaches, a historic downtown shopping district that includes restaurants, art galleries, nature trails, and boating. Annual events like the Tree Lighting, Citizens Day Parade, and the Guilford Agricultural Fair strengthen the bonds of this tight-knit community—Guilford truly has something for everyone.

It has been my honor to serve as the U.S. Representative for Guilford for the last twenty-four years and I am so proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 375th Anniversary. As the community continues to grow, it will do so while maintaining its unique character and charm—quintessentially New England. Happy Anniversary!

HONORING THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, NORTHEAST CHAPTER 187

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187, a distinguished Veterans Service Organization in El Paso, Texas.

The Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 is comprised of former service members. The chapter develops new relationships and cultivates existing bonds among our veteran community, elected officials and government agencies; honors the memory of service members who died in service; and informs its members of state and federal legislative changes and policy ideas relevant to veterans.

With 1,508 members, the Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 is the sixth largest chapter in Texas. Their leadership includes three Combat Related Special Compensation ambassadors; four VA and Disabled American Veterans-certified service officers; a past District 1 Commander, who oversees El Paso, Midland, Lubbock and as far as Big Spring and Amarillo, Texas; and the Past-State Legislative Chairman. The Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 has members from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and up to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The chapter includes multiple POWs and Purple Heart recipients.